

Group interview but separate ID info

Project I.D. No. 85/6

NAME: SAKIBA MASUMI DATE OF BIRTH: 1893 PLACE OF BIRTH: WAKAYAMA
Age: 78 Sex: F Marital Status: M Education: GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL

PRE-WAR:

Date of arrival in U.S.: 1921 Age: 28 M.S. M Port of entry: SAN FRANCISCO
Occupation/s: 1. SUFFERED GREATLY DURING DEPRESSION
Place of residence: 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____
Religious affiliation: CHRISTIAN
Community organizations/activities: _____

EVACUATION:

Name of assembly center: WAS NOT EVACUATED AS SHE LIVED IN UTAH
Name of relocation center: _____
Dispensation of property: _____ Names of bank/s: _____
Jobs held in camp: 1. _____ 2. _____
Jobs held outside of camp: _____
Left camp to go to: _____

POST-WAR:

Date returned to West Coast: _____
Address/es: 1. _____ 2. _____
3. _____
Religious affiliation: _____
Activities: 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____
If deceased, date, place and age at time of death: _____

Name of interviewer: Kato Date: 1971 Place: SALT LAKE
Translator: Kato

A STUDY OF PERSONAL EXPERIENCE OF
ISSEI IN THE USA

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schedule

I. IN JAPAN

MASUMI SHIBA. I WAS BORN IN THE CITY OF NIIMIYA, WAKAYAMA, ON MARCH 10, IN THE 26TH YEAR OF MEIJI. I HAVE NO RECOLLECTION OF THE SINO-JAPANESE WAR. DURING THE RUSSO-JAPANESE WAR, I REMEMBER THE GAY VICTORY CELEBRATION. I HAVE NO IMPRESSION OF WORLD WAR I BECAUSE I WAS THEN IN JAPAN AND HAD NO DIRECT RELATIONSHIP WITH IT. I READ ABOUT THE MANCHURIAN EVENTS IN THE NEWSPAPERS.

THE HAPPY TIME WAS MY SCHOOL DAYS, AND I HAVE NEVER BEEN VISITED BY A CALAMITY.

MY FAMILY WAS CHRISTIAN. NO, I DIDN'T HEAR ANY RUMOUR ABOUT CHRISTIANITY. CONDITION OF MY FAMILY AND SOCIETY WAS PEACEFUL WHEN I LEFT JAPAN.

I GRADUATED FROM GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL.

REASON WHY I CAME TO USA - MY HUSBAND ASKED ME TO COME TO AMERICA.

II. ON THE SHIP

ON THE SHIP, I REMEMBER I SUFFERED WITH SEA SICKNESS. I ARRIVED IN SAN FRANCISCO TOWARD THE END OF JULY, 1921. THE SHIP "RAKUYO-MARU" WAS MAKING ITS MAIDEN VOYAGE BOUND FOR SOUTH AMERICA AND THE PASSENGERS WERE MOSTLY GOING TO SOUTH AMERICA.

I THOUGHT THAT AMERICA WAS A CULTURAL COUNTRY. I EXPECTED TO MAKE A GOOD HOME WITH MY HUSBAND.

III. FIRST IMPRESSION OF AMERICA

MY FIRST IMPRESSION WAS I THOUGHT THAT STREETS WERE BEAUTIFUL.

V. DEPRESSION PERIOD

I DO NOT LIKE TO RECALL THE SUFFERINGS I EXPERIENCED DURING THIS PERIOD.

I DECIDED TO STAY HERE PERMANENTLY AFTER MY CHILDREN STARTED ATTENDING HIGH SCHOOLS.

VI. THE WORLD WAR II

THE ATTITUDES OF THE WHITES TOWARD JAPANESE WERE COLD.

I WAS VERY SORRY THAT THE WAR STARTED BETWEEN JAPAN AND AMERICA.

I WAS NOT RELOCATED BECAUSE I LIVED IN UTAH THEN.

IX. CONCLUSION

I HOPE THAT CHURCHES HAVE FORCE TO ENLIGHTEN THE PEOPLE OF SOCIETY.

I PRAY FOR THE PASSAGE FROM THE LORD'S PRAYER: "THY WILL BE DONE ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN."